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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
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Room TW-A325

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45 and Docket No. 02-6

This is a Request for Wavier of the deadline for filing ERATE form 471 for Billed Entity 9138.

To whom it may concern,

I am the authorized person for filing all ERATE forms and have done so successfully in past years including year 8. I was very involved in establishing a closed circuit TV station (for less than \$500 thanks to time and material donations from Comcast) for our school and missed the deadline for filing Form 471. I have received a Form 470-Receipt Notification Letter for FY 2006. The 470 Application Number is 957270000. FCC RN 0014009831

We are a small Catholic school that depends on volunteers like me, a retired public school superintendent, to help secure funding. Our application is for telecommunications only. Our total funding commitment request approved for FY8 is \$2,879. This is a lot of money for our small school and it hurts that the students will lose these funds because I missed a deadline.

I missed the deadline by about 10 days. When I tried to file the 471 application, a message box popped up saying I was late and should apply next year. I called the help number and asked if it was possible to appeal and I was told being late was not a good enough reason for an appeal. I was told I could still appeal but from the conversation, I thought there was no chance. I am appealing at this time because I recently received an email stating that the FCC was in fact granting appeals on the basis of being late. I sincerely promise not to miss any future deadlines if you will grant this appeal for the benefit of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "John F. Garrity".

John F. Garrity